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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #73 **Summer Announcement #67, District 4-A Commercial Fishing Periods** Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar summer chum salmon passage estimate through July 18 is approximately 2.7 million fish which is above the median of 1.9 million for this date. Based on the current abundance of summer chum salmon, commercial fishing opportunity is being allowed to target summer chum salmon.

The preliminary commercial harvest in District 4 through July 18 is approximately 78,600 summer chum salmon with a reported 98 Chinook salmon released alive.

The Chinook salmon run is coming to an end in the Middle Yukon. Effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 21, the requirement that commercial fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must immediately be released to the water alive is being discontinued. Commercial fishermen may use either set gillnets or fish wheels to target summer chum salmon. However, commercial set gillnet fishermen are reminded that they should contact the buyer before fishing. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):
Commercial fishing will be open for seven 24-hour fishing periods, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 21:

Period #21: Sunday, July 21
Period #22: Monday, July 22
Period #23: Tuesday, July 23
Period #24: Wednesday, July 24
Period #25: Thursday, July 25
Period #26: Friday, July 26

Period #27: Saturday, July 27

Fishermen will be notified by July 27 regarding additional commercial fishing periods.

All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Chinook salmon caught and released must be recorded on a fish ticket. All salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as “not sold”. These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence fishing schedules.

Recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274.

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